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VERA CRUZ SAYS ADIEU TO FUNSTON

American Commander Has U. S. Troops On Board On Homeward Voyage Before Noon Today—Have Occupied City Since Last April.

Evacuation Is Accomplished Without the Slightest Hitch—Washington Confident That Warring Factions Will Soon Make Peace In Mexico.

Washington, Nov. 23.—American troops which have held Vera Cruz since last April were evacuating the city and sailing for home today. Sunset will see the Mexican flag floating again over the ancient fortress of San Juan and the American troopers well on their way homeward across the Gulf.

Despatches early today from Major General Funston said his furthest outposts had been withdrawn at 9 o'clock; at 10 troops guarding the railroads at the approaches to the city were withdrawn and at 11 the embarkation was on in earnest. General Funston reported he expected to sail for Galveston at noon. He reported constitutional troops under General Aguilar were taking possession of the city.

COST OF \$10,000,000

Occupation of the main port in tropical Vera Cruz, the city of the United States more than a score of lives, some in battle and some from disease and according to some estimates, as much as ten million dollars. But Mexico will be asked to pay no indemnity. Administration officials want that fact to stand out as an added evidence of the disinterestedness of the United States for her southern neighbors.

General Funston has instructions to turn the city over to none of the main factions, but to the American evacuation.

Carranza's commander, Aguilar, is nearest, but Carranza troops which have withdrawn in their allegiance to Villa are not far distant. There have been some evidences that Carranza intended to move his capital to Vera Cruz upon the American evacuation.

All those Mexicans who wish to remain when the Americans leave are sailing away with General Funston.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Nov. 23.—The American forces of occupation under General Frederick Funston, after a stay in Vera Cruz of seven months, today began embarking on the steamship, which will return them to the United States.

The outposts began falling back at 10 o'clock in the morning and two hours later the first American soldiers were going over the sides of the waiting transports.

General Funston established his headquarters on board the transport, Christiana, early today and all the organizations of his command began at daylight the work of moving out their equipment preparatory to final evacuation.

Beyond the American outposts there had been mobilized during the night a force of constitutionalists. As the Americans withdrew first from the outlying districts and then the city itself, the constitutionalists followed them along and nominally occupied the territory vacated.

The city is quiet but the inhabitants are nervous and apprehensive concerning the final outcome of this transfer of authority. All saloons in Vera Cruz remained closed today on orders of General Funston and many commercial establishments decided not to open their stores.

The government of Vera Cruz is not being turned over to any faction of Mexicans; the territory is being evacuated and as fast as the Americans get out constitutionalists are coming in.

The American army officials are taking with them the money collected for customs and from other sources of revenue.

These ultimately will go to some Mexican person which the United States deems a proper one to receive them. The American quartermaster's department has arranged to take away from Vera Cruz something like 300 Mexicans who did not care to be in the city when their countrymen again come into possession.

Havana, Cuba, Nov. 23.—The safety of Cuban citizens in Mexico is becoming a subject of much concern to the Cuban government. It is feared that with the departure of the American forces from Vera Cruz the conditions of Cubans will not be safe. It is understood that the Cuban government is considering the immediate despatch of a cruiser to Vera Cruz to bring away such Cubans as desire to leave. There is talk of sending the cruiser Cuba or the cruiser Patria or even both of these ships to Mexico.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN MOLNAR MURDER MYSTERY



ANNIE MOLNAR

Steve Molnar, or Molnar, of 327 Warden avenue, seems to have disappeared from 24 to 48 hours preceding the finding of his horribly burned and bullet riddled corpse on the flat back of the Crane Valve Co.'s End plant, detectives being unable to find anyone who admit having seen him during that period. Search is being actively kept up in thoroughly scouring the West End section of the city inhabited by his countrymen in the attempt to find where he passed the intervening time. Mrs. Annie Molnar and John Kerekes were again subjected to cross examination today, but divulged nothing new.



JOHN KEREKES

and adhered in the main, to their original stories. There is some variance as to the exact time that the victim was last seen. Detectives consider it strange that none of the saloonkeepers and other business men in that neighborhood remember having seen him for several days preceding the finding of his body. Photographs of the dead man, his widow and the boarder who is held with her for first degree murder, have been widely shown in the West End in the hope that someone not knowing them personally will remember having seen them.

HOSPITAL'S NEED FULLY EXPLAINED BY SISTER ALICE

Head of St. Vincent's Gives Inspiration to Workers In Great Campaign

Sister Alice, in charge of St. Vincent's Hospital, in a statement today, gave the 330 workers in the St. Vincent's Hospital Fund Raising Campaign additional inspiration by striving to attain the \$100,000 mark at which the campaign, which closes Saturday, has netted to date \$31,188.35 in cash contributions and pledges.

Today the workers started out afresh to push the campaign to the most successful issue. The reports of subscriptions obtained Sunday and today will be turned in at headquarters during the supper tonight.

Sister Alice, in her statement today, pointed out that every penny of the fund collected will be devoted to the exclusive use of the hospital. The revenues in the past have barely met the expenditures, and for the first time since the hospital was established, a direct appeal is made to the generosity of the community.

The amount of charity work done by the hospital every year amounts to considerable, and the drain on the resources to meet this contingency is very heavy. Sister Alice, sister superintendent of the hospital, made this statement today.

"In view of the campaign that is now in progress to aid St. Vincent's hospital, it might not be amiss to inform the public, in brief way, as to the financial status of the institution. St. Vincent's hospital is by no means a wealthy institution. On the contrary, it is very poor. The running expenses each year are barely met by the revenues from all sources. The hospital is now in a state of indebtedness of \$157,000 on the original building. This, of course, must be paid back.

Twelve years ago, when the hospital was founded, it was projected that every one of the 200 community houses in the Vincennes order was assessed for the building of the house here. All available funds in these houses were turned over to a general fund for the Bridgeport house.

"We came here and built this hospital without aid from the city or state. Since then, we have not appealed for help to the city, except in the way of the various social entertainments that have been conducted in our behalf. We have received approximately \$20,000 in bequests from the late Harry Hubbell and from the Anne Bowen estate. Mr. Hubbell's bequest of \$10,000 provided for a free room for the use of the city, and that money is absolutely all that the hospital has in any banking institution.

"Today we have fifteen charity patients in the house. For their care we receive not one cent. It is for just such cases that we are here. It is our aim to minister to the suffering especially among the poor. During the year, the number of similar cases attended total several hundred. I merely mention this in order to show that a large percentage of patients that are annually treated here are unable to contribute one cent to the hospital's revenue.

"If all the charity work in this world were done to a brass-band accompaniment, there would be little charity accomplished. It is the unpretentious charity that is real charity. We are in Bridgeport to help the suffering poor of the city, and, naturally, at times must seek outside aid.

"Consider the expense of maintaining an institution which must support 35 nurses, in addition to numerous other employees and you will have a tremendous item to figure. Count in the expense of charity patients; consider the charity work done outside the hospital itself; take into account the innumerable other drains on the finances of an institution of this sort and you have an idea why we are barely able to cover expenditures by our annual revenues.

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BRIDGEPORTER TO HAVE CHANCE TO ENTER ANNAPOLIS

Congressman Donovan Orders Competitive Examination Held In City Hall Wednesday Morning

Opportunity is given to any youth of Fairfield county to compete for the honor of an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, through an arrangement made by Congressman Jeremiah Donovan. Designating the civil service board of this city as the examining body, the congressman has ordered an examination held at the City Hall on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. All young men, who will not be more than 20 years of age in February, and who are residents of Fairfield county, are eligible.

From the candidates who reach the highest averages will be selected a principal and alternate. The principal will be given the first opportunity to qualify for admission to the naval academy when the examinations are held at Annapolis, in April and June. In event of failure of the principal to qualify the alternates will be privileged to make the attempt.

The appointment to the naval academy is for the Annapolis training course of four years, on the completion of which the midshipman, as the student is known, is commissioned as ensign in the U. S. navy. While in the naval academy the midshipman receives an annual salary of about \$600, from which they are expected to pay for their schooling and board and clothing.

Upon being graduated he receives a salary of about \$1,750. The examinations here are held on the subject of which the midshipman, as the student is known, is commissioned as ensign in the U. S. navy. While in the naval academy the midshipman receives an annual salary of about \$600, from which they are expected to pay for their schooling and board and clothing.

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IMMUNITY CLAIM MADE BY CUYLER IN RAILROAD SUIT

New York, Nov. 23.—The 21 directors and former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, under indictment on charges of violating the Sherman anti-trust law, today decided to plead immunity. The list includes geography, United States history, world's history, arithmetic, algebra, plane geometry, grammar, and spelling.

Mr. Cuyler entered a plea in bar of prosecution, claiming immunity on the ground that on Feb. 7, 1913, in the capacity of director of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, he answered a subpoena and appeared as a witness before the federal government district court for investigation on an alleged violation of the Sherman law. At that time he asserted he produced a copy of the traffic agreement between the Grand Trunk and the New Haven roads which, it was claimed, led to the suspension of work on the Rhode Island extensions. Because he was a witness in the inquiry which led to the indictment of President Mellon, of the New Haven, and President Chamberlain, of the Grand Trunk, Mr. Cuyler claimed that the United States was barred from prosecuting him and he asked that the indictment in so far as it concerned him be dismissed.

Matyos Miskolcay, said to live in Stamford, is being sought by the police as the one responsible for the stabbing of his brother, Steve, of 107 Johnson street, Saturday night. Steve was stabbed three times in the back and right arm.

RAILROAD DENIES PLAN TO REFUSE BAGGAGE CHECKS

Press Bureau Assures Farmer Commercial Men's Fears Are Groundless.

TRAVELING SALESMAN SUMMONED TO PROTEST

Call For Meeting This Week Urges Members to Act to Forestall R. R. Move.

To make organized protest against the reported plan to suspend the baggage service by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, all members of Bridgeport local 236, United Commercial Travelers have been notified to attend a meeting on Saturday night. The letter, a copy of which has been sent every member of the organization, states that the railroad is preparing to do away with all baggage masters and baggage handlers on trains and in this business over to the Adams Express Co.

"Every article formerly sent as baggage according to our information, is to be sent by express at the usual express rates," is one of the sentences in the letter. The call for the meeting urges every member to be present and join in the protest. It calls attention to the fact that no protest has been made by commercial travelers against the increase from 2 cents to 2 1/2 per mile on the mileage books. The increase went into effect on November 1. The letter says commercial travelers are practically the only class of people using the railroad, and that this increase is class discrimination which should meet with firm and indignant protest now.

The letter does not make known the source of the information regarding the report of the suspension of the baggage system but the railroad officials declared today there was nothing to the story. In answer to an inquiry from the Bridgeport local, the railroad's press bureau of the road today came out with this statement:

"The story that the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. is to suspend its baggage service and turn this business over to the Adams Express Co. is absolutely without foundation in fact. Such a change not only is not practical, but it has never been contemplated by the management of the road."

On official word not allow his name to be used, said today that the proposed change would mean the discharge of a large number of employees of the Bridgeport local, who are members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. He said that even if such a change was practical he did not think the Brotherhood would allow it to take place.

He said he did not believe the officials of the road would attempt to carry into effect this plan without first consulting with officials of the trainmen. He said he had heard nothing from the company regarding such a change and did not believe it was being considered.

Railroad men do not place much credence in the story, but the suspension of the baggage system is contemplated by the railroad. The letters calling for the meeting were sent by Charles J. Whitten, secretary of the Bridgeport local. Whitten is a traveling salesman for Francis H. Leggett of New York. He is out of the city on a trip at present and will not return until tomorrow night.

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LUMBER SCHOONER BREAKING ON ROCKS

New York, Nov. 23.—A four-masted schooner, laden with lumber, went ashore early this morning near Shinnecock Lighthouse. The vessel appeared to be breaking up in the heavy seas this forenoon. She was about a quarter of a mile from the shore. Life-savers fought to rescue the crew.

- POSTAL OFFICIALS
- URGE PATRONS TO USE MAILS EARLY
- A special effort is being made by the postal department to reduce the anticipated Christmas rush by the printing and posting of cards and notices informing the public that they are permitted to mark parcel post packages containing gifts. "Not To Be Opened Until Christmas," or with similar wording.
- Things may be mailed at any time in advance of Christmas and observance of this request will greatly facilitate the delivery of parcels on Christmas day and aid many of the employees in securing an earlier dinner. It will be noted also that packages weighing as high as 50 pounds may be sent within the 150 mile zone and packages weighing not more than 20 pounds anywhere within the United States. All parcels should be wrapped securely and addressed plainly, and MAILED EARLY to avoid the rush.

THE WEATHER.

Fair tonight and Tuesday; Colder tonight.

GERMANS RENEW BATTLE IN TWO BELGIAN TOWNS

Last Minute News Of The War

Lima, Peru, Nov. 23.—It is declared here on seemingly good authority that the Germans have been maintaining what is described as a naval station outside of Valparaiso, Chile. Chilean papers reaching here say that the government is determined to stop these breaches of neutrality even at the cost of war.

Berlin, Nov. 23.—By wireless to Sayville—According to official information reaching Berlin today the Austrians again are making resistance in Serbia but strong detachments of Austrian forces have crossed the river Kolubara. Floods and soft ground on the levels, together with snow in the mountains has greatly hindered operations.

London, Nov. 23.—A British naval prize court today ordered the release of a cargo of wheat consigned to Rotterdam by Muir & Co., of New York, and seized on the British steamship Miramichi in the Mersey after the outbreak of hostilities. The court held that as the cargo had left an American port before war was declared and had not passed to the buyers it was not liable to seizure.

London, Nov. 23.—The relief work of the Rockefeller Foundation in Austria, Serbia, France and some sections of Russia will be undertaken actively at once. Dr. Wickliffe Ross, head of the Rockefeller commission, said today that he and his associates would soon visit these countries where the needs of the people are perhaps as great as in Belgium.

Berlin, Nov. 23.—By wireless to the Associated Press—The general staff of the German army, referring to important operations in Poland now nearing a decisive outcome announced today that it considered the situation everywhere favorable.

OFFICIAL REPORTS ON THE WAR

GERMAN

Berlin, Nov. 23.—By wireless telegraph to London, Nov. 23.—Turkish troops have reached the Suez Canal, according to an official communication made public here Sunday. The statement reads:

"Fighting continues at Nieuport and at Ypres. A small British squadron twice approached the coast but was driven off by our artillery. The British naval guns had no effect.

"In the forest of the Argonne we are gaining ground step by step, one trench after another and one point of support after another being wrested from the French and a number of prisoners being taken daily.

"A violent reconnoitering expedition against our position on the east of the Moselle river was made ineffective by our counter attack.

"In East Prussia, the situation remains unchanged. In Poland, the appearance of Russian reinforcements is postponing a decision of the battle. In the region to the east of Czenstochowa, and to the northeast of Cracow, the Austro-German offensive was maintained."

AUSTRIAN

Washington, Nov. 23.—Vienna foreign despatches to the Austro-Hungarian embassy here today repeated the substance of the war office communications and added:

"The Austrian troops in Russian Poland have captured 150,000 prisoners. In Serbia our offensive was successful in spite of strong resistance of the fortified positions of the enemy and enormous difficulties of ground, caused by bad weather. Total Serbian prisoners during the fighting since Nov. 5 reaches 18,000."

GEN. BLANCO AT HELM IN MEXICO CITY

Washington, Nov. 23.—Plans for an 11th hour abandonment of Mexico City to the Zapata forces were frustrated by General Ludio Blanco, according to confidential reports received today at the state department from its agents.

General Carranza ordered the capital evacuated last Friday so that the Zapata forces could enter at the same time tearing up the railroads north of Mexico City to check and delay the Villa troops. One of the official reports speak of "premeditated atrocities" and an intention to leave the capital to be sacked. Just what the purpose of the move on the part of the Carranza chiefs was not disclosed.

General Obregon, according to the reports ordered General Blanco to accompany him from the city but the latter declined to obey his superior officer, saying he would not be a party to the plan. Obregon left after a serious argument with Blanco who then took full command and began to police the city and appoint municipal officers who arranged for protection against disorders.

Fears for the safety of residents in Mexico City have now passed according to telegrams dated last night, and confidence is manifested in Blanco's ability to deal with the situation and arrange for an orderly entry of Villa's troops.

Ypres Is Scene of Desperate Conflict In Newest Attempt By Kaiser's Forces to Gain Channel Ports—Berlin Describes Engagement In Argonne Forest as "Very Hot."

Rheims and Soissons Also Under Heavy Bombardment—British Squadron Fires On Nieuport, But Is Driven Back—Tremendous Fight Is Being Waged In Poland.

At two points in the battle extending across France and Belgium the Germans were making determined efforts today to break their way through while at the same time a critical struggle was under way in Russian Poland.

Today's French statement said that at Ypres, Belgium, the point selected for the new German attempt to find a way through to the English Channel the artillery fire yesterday was violent and that many buildings were set on fire.

In the region of the Argonne forest well on toward the eastern end of the line where the Germans are centering another severe attack, the fighting yesterday was described as "very hot," and it is said that the German onslaughts were repulsed. Rheims and Soissons also were under bombardment, with what effect is not disclosed.

The German official statement speaks of the severe fighting at Ypres and also says that a British squadron's attempt to bombard Nieuport was twice repulsed.

In the Argonne region, it is said, the Germans are gaining ground slowly.

Weather Halts Fighting

The renewed efforts of the Germans in the west notwithstanding the effects of the cold, wet weather, which was said to make fighting in the lowlands almost an impossibility, attracted renewed attention to the western field of battle. The struggle between the Russians and Austro-German forces in the east, however, was rated as of greater importance, because of the influence the outcome is expected to exert upon the whole future course of the war. From this quarter came no definite news today, Berlin was confident of an early decisive victory but the war office there acknowledged today that the arrival of Russian reinforcements had postponed the decision.

Germany accounts the battle in Russian Poland as virtually won and is already estimating the effect upon future military operations. An announcement today from the German general staff is to the effect that a decision in this battle and the conditions everywhere are favorable from its point of view.

In Berlin, it is said the outcome of the main battle with the Russians may decide not only the phase of the war but the whole European struggle. A decisive triumph in the east, it is pointed out, would free part of the German army engaged there to assist the forces that are facing the British, French and Belgians in the west.

Upon what information the confident Berlin predictions were based was not fully apparent. An official German statement said merely that the fighting in Poland continued. Unofficial reports from Petrograd state that the Russians are continuing their advances in East Prussia and have captured Gumbinnen, a fortified city sixty-six miles from Konigsberg.

According to all accounts the main battle, between the Vistula and Warta rivers is still in progress and although the Germans are pressing forward steadily the German army is still offering determined resistance.

In the west, the fighting in Belgium which has been slow for several days on account of the weather, has broken out with renewed ferocity at Ypres with the artillery playing the main part.

Bessie Mather has appealed from the award of \$2,500 damages to her property made by the board of appraisal of benefits and damages. Part of the Mather property was taken in the extension of Monroe street to Fairfield avenue. Members of the board claim that when the offer of \$2,500 was first made the owner of the property expressed herself as satisfied. Later she changed her mind and is now asking for \$7,000. The case is down for trial before the Supreme court at this time.

ARTISTS UNDAUNTED AT SMALL AUDIENCE GIVE FINE CONCERT

Bridgeporters who were fortunate enough to be numbered among the audience at Poll's last evening enjoyed a musical treat such as it has seldom been the good fortune of the city to possess. With Maggie Teyte, soprano, Edmund Burke, baritone, and Mark Hambourg, pianist, there was a superior program, rendered with spirit that is noteworthy when one considers the small response to the announcement of the appearance of the artists.

Miss Teyte, charming and beautiful, rich of voice and winsome of manner, had but to smile when she made her first appearance to command herself in popular favor. With the display of a soprano voice of rare quality and sympathy, she was given a reception of utmost cordiality.

Mr. Burke, whose rich, ringing baritone voice is capable of great dramatic possibilities through his superb control of its seemingly limitless volume, likewise sang his way into the hearts of Bridgeporters on the occasion of his first visit here. Mr. Hambourg, master of the piano, thrilled his auditors with the rendition of his heavier numbers, and displayed wonderful technique as well as profound sympathy in the interpretation of his admirably arranged program.

Each number of the program came in for hearty applause, and generous responses were given. Stephen Maloney, 307 George street, has reported to the police that much lead pipe has been ripped out of his house at 252 George street.